

News of the Churches.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS, WESTERN DISTRICT.—The deputation appointed to visit the churches in Howick, Turnberry, Wroxeter and Listowell, consisted of Revs Enoch Barker, Solomon Snider and Wm. Manchae. Brother Rose, of Listowell, was prevented from fulfilling his appointments owing to sickness; but the deputation was accompanied by two brethren, Messrs. W. Simpson and George Robertson, the former from Garafraxa, and the latter from Douglas, who did good service not only in "taking care of the deputation," but also by giving earnest addresses at each of the meetings. This introduction of the "lay" made a pleasing and profitable variety, and it would produce great advantage if more frequently adopted.

The deputation met at *Clifford*, and were hospitably entertained by Brother Wickett, who has recently opened a preaching station here with marvellous success. He has a congregation in this thriving village on Sabbath evenings, varying from 130 to 200 hearers. The deputation paid a visit to the church, which is owned at present by the Primitive Methodists, but which Bro. Wickett hopes soon to secure for himself and people. It is a commodious and well-fitted structure in good condition being nearly new, though in a low, and we fear, damp situation.

We were pleased to hear on all sides full and hearty testimony borne to the consistency and earnest efforts of our brother in making this station. God has wonderfully blessed him here, and in view of funds being needed to purchase the building, we would most heartily enlist the sympathetic help of our wealthier brethren. With the caution and earnestness our brother displays, Clifford must grow and become one of our most important mission churches.

Bros. Ariss and Bowles took on the deputation and friends to *Howick First*, where we had our first meeting. The attendance was large. Brother Wickett presided. The speakers were E. Barker,

S. Snider, J. Clyne, G. Robertson and W. Manchae. During the evening the chairman was presented by the Rev. Wm. Manchae, on behalf of Mrs. Harris, of Clifford, with a very handsome family bible, as a testimony to Mr. Wickett's "consistent and gentlemanly and Christian bearing, and for the great work he has wrought morally and religiously," in the Village of Clifford. This circumstance added greatly to the interest of what was generally felt to be a good meeting. Collection \$6 40.

Howick 2nd Church.—The pastor presided. Though the weather was unpropitious the attendance was good. The meetings of the Guelph section of the Western Association were held here in the morning and again in the afternoon, and the inspiration of these abode with us in the evening, and secured us a very capital meeting. The speakers, who were the same as at *Howick First*, with the addition of Bros. Simpson and Wickett, were fully charged with a spirit of deep religiousness, and spoke well. It was universally felt to be a hallowed season of refreshing from God. Collection, \$4 50. At the close of the meeting another collection was taken up of \$3 50 to defray part of the delegates' expenses to the sectional meeting. Indeed, the good brethren here, headed by Mr. Scarf, seem determined to outdo themselves.

Turnberry.—Here Mr. John Gemmell had an open house for the deputation, and Messrs. Aikins and McAdams entertained the friends who journeyed with us. A good, though not large meeting. The deputation to this part of the field have so often failed that the folks seemed rather doubtful about the missionary meeting. The same brethren spoke as in the previous meetings mentioned. Collection \$2 80.

Wroxeter.—Here we were generously quartered at Brother Snider's. He and his good wife treated us nobly, and as usual, our brother kept us merrily going till we closed our tour, with his never-ending flow of anecdote and narration of past experiences. This was the smal-